

Web Resources for teachers and students

Benjamin Franklin

<http://www.pbs.org/benjaminfranklin/>

Benjamin Franklin: Glimpses of the Man

<http://sln.fi.edu/franklin/rotten.html>

Ben's Guide

<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/benfranklin/>

Benjamin Franklin In His Own Words

<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/treasures/franklin-home.html>

Franklin Court

<http://www.nps.gov/inde/planyourvisit/franklin-court.htm>



Resources for Teachers (Print)

Block, Seymour Stanton. Benjamin Franklin, genius of Kites, flights and voting rights. McFarland & Co., 2004.

Franklin, Benjamin. Franklin Writtings. The Library of America, 1987.

Franklin, Benjamin and Paul M. Zall. Franklin on Franklin. University Press of Kentucky, 2000.

Isaacson, Walther. Benjamin Franklin an American Life. Simon & Schuster, 2003.

Lemay, J.A. The life of Benjamin Franklin. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2006.

Talbott, Page. Benjamin Franklin in Search of a Better World. Yale University Press, 2005.

Waldstreicher, David. Runaway America. Hill and Wang, 2004.

Resources for Students (Print)

Adler, David A. A Picture Book of Benjamin Franklin. Holiday House, 1990.

A biography of Franklin geared toward primary children.

Adler, David A. B. Franklin Printer. Holiday House, 2001.

A detailed biography for older students; contains a detailed time line of events in Franklin's life.

Barretta, Gene. Now & Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin. Henry Holt and Company, 2006.

A picture book that compares modern inventions with those designed by Franklin.

Cousins, Margaret. Ben Franklin of Old Philadelphia. Landmark Books, Random House, 1952.

A biography written for middle graders that is part of an acclaimed series of children's history books.

Benjamin Franklin in Philadelphia

Dash, Joan. A Dangerous Engine. Farrar, Strauss, 2005.

Franklin's life is vividly recounted in this book designed for grades 7 and up. A collection of period reproductions and primary sources are depicted.

Fleming, Candace. Ben Franklin's Almanac: Being a True Account of the Good Gentleman's Life. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2003.

Modeled on Franklin's "Poor Richard's Almanac," this book is a combination of biography, anecdote, cartoon, and etchings. Geared toward middle schoolers, but is a wonderful resource for adults.

Fleming, Candace. The Hatmaker's Sign. Scholastic, 1998.

A story by Benjamin Franklin, retold by Ms. Fleming in picture book form.

Fradin, Dennis Brindell. Who Was Ben Franklin? Grosset and Dunlap, 2002.

An illustrated biography suitable for students in grade 3 and beyond.

Fritz, Jean. What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin? Putnam and Grosset Group, 1976.

A brief account of Franklin's role in the early history of America. Written for students in intermediate grades.

Giblin, James Cross. The Amazing Life of Benjamin Franklin. Scholastic Press, 2001.

A picture book biography accompanied by masterfully painted illustrations. Length and context of text makes this suitable for older students.

Gutman, Dan. Qwerty Stevens Stuck in Time with Benjamin Franklin. Simon & Schuster, 2002.

Historical fiction about a boy whose time travel machine transports Ben to the 21st Century. Intermediate level.

Murphy, Frank. Ben Franklin and the Magic Squares. Random House, 2001.

A Step Into Reading Book (Step 4), that discusses Ben's sayings, discoveries, and inventions.

Pingry, Patricia A. Meet Benjamin Franklin. Ideals Children's Books, 2001.

A biography in picture book form that presents Franklin simply and with humor.

Schanzen, Rosalyn. How Ben Franklin Stole the Lightning. Harper Collins, 2005.

Focuses on Franklin's role as an inventor; a picture book appropriate for ages 6 and up.

Smith, Lane. John, Paul, George and Ben. Hyperion Books for Children, 2006.

A picture book in which the author imagines these patriots as children. Uses humor to entice readers.

The Ben Franklin Book of Easy and Incredible Experiments. John Wiley & Sons, 1995.

A Franklin Institute Science Museum Book that shows students how to conduct experiments the Ben Franklin way using inexpensive everyday items.

Appleseeds, A Cobblestone Publication. December, 2004.

This magazine is written for grades 3 and up and the entire issue is dedicated to Benjamin Franklin.

Cobblestone Magazine, Vol. 13, No. 7. September, 1992. Benjamin Franklin.

This edition of The History Magazine for Young People is completely dedicated to the life of Benjamin Franklin.